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USSR: Pravda declared on 30 August that the Soviet Union will give Communist China the "necessary moral and material help" and warned that any "aggression by the United States" in the Far East will inevitably lead to the spreading of war to other areas. The editorial was designed to arouse further world-wide apprehension over the prospect of general hostilities. The statement stops short of committing Moscow to any military action. [REDACTED]

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USSR-Libya: The USSR has submitted a broad offer of economic aid to Libya. Prime Minister Kubar fears acceptance would lead to an influx of Soviet technicians, but that on the other hand, rejection would be used by the USSR to strengthen the hand of pro-Egyptian opposition forces. [REDACTED]

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II. ASIA-AFRICA

UAR propaganda: The UAR government-controlled press and radio have, after a brief lull, strongly attacked the leaders of anti-Nasir Arab governments, despite the UNGA resolution on 21 August in which the Arab states in effect pledged non-interference in each others' affairs. The Cairo press warned Jordan on 30 August that if quick arrangements were not made for withdrawal of foreign troops, "tension will return to the area, and this time it will be very severe and dangerous." The Syrian press has been assailing the governments of Jordan and the Sudan. In addition, on 28 August, it launched the strongest attacks to date on Tunisian Prime Minister Bourguiba, comparing him with Iraq's late Nuri Said as an "agent of imperialism and an enemy of the Arabs." [REDACTED]

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III. THE WEST

Iceland-Britain: Fishery experts of eight nations in Paris failed to reach a compromise before Iceland's unilateral extension of its fish conservation limits to 12 miles became effective on 1 September. Iceland continued to insist on

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recognition of the new limit. Despite last-minute efforts to prevent clashes between the British fish protection squadron and Iceland's coastguard, there is a possibility that some incidents will occur. [REDACTED]

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Mexico: Last week's student and labor violence have contributed to an unstable situation which the American Embassy views with grave concern. Efforts may be made to discredit outgoing President Ruiz Cortines, on the occasion of his last state of the union message on 1 September. Although the 40-year rule of the Party of Revolutionary Institutions will be continued under President-elect Lopez Mateos, leftists who have won increased control in key unions will seek to influence the new administration. [REDACTED]

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